

## CHAPTER 87.

[H. B. 395.]

## REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES FROM STATE LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the removal of fir, hemlock, spruce and pine trees, commonly called Christmas trees, from state lands and providing penalties for such removal.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any of the state lands of the State of Washington and remove therefrom for commercial purposes any evergreen trees commonly known as Christmas trees, including fir, hemlock, spruce and pine trees. Any person, firm, corporation or association cutting or removing or causing to be cut or removed, or who shall cut down, cut off, top or destroy any of such Christmas trees shall be liable to the State of Washington for payment for such trees at a price of one dollar (\$1) each if payment is made immediately upon demand of the commissioner of public lands. Should it be necessary to institute civil action to recover the value of said trees, then the commissioner of public lands may exact treble damages on the basis of three dollars (\$3) per tree for each tree so cut or removed.

Removal of Christmas trees from state lands unlawful.

SEC. 2. This act is not intended to repeal or modify any of the provisions of existing statutes providing penalties for the unlawful removal of timber from state lands.

Existing statutes not affected.

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Passed the Senate March 8, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1937.